

man and barden and bide the useful. Religion is like the perfume Mary used on the feet of the Master, it not only anoints the body, but fills the house with its sweetness, but the alabaster box had first to be broken.

I once saw a small picture, it was called an astronomical discovery. An astronomer was looking thru his glass and you could see he was greatly surprised, he had discovered a comet with a black tail, swinging very near earth so he thought but he was mistaken. A large black cat sitting on the edge of the house allowed its tail to swing over the edge, the end seemed to be connected with a star at which the professor had directed his telescope. There are lots of people like that astronomer. Some discoveries need to be verified.

Twelve years ago a sister in the church of which I was pastor wrote me the following: "I have glad tidings to tell you about the power of prayer. The doctors and family gave me up several times to the death messenger, but the united prayers of the faithful raised me up. Oh, what a friend we have in Jesus! Blessed be his name." Now was this sister correct in her conclusion, or was she mistaken. If mistaken why pray for anything, if correct why not rely on the divine power more and less on the human. I believe the sister was right.

Some people are always finding fault with the preacher. I wish many of them who find fault with out cause could be as well rebuked as one who Rowland Hill dealt with. The fellow wrote a note to Mr. Hill and had it placed among the requests for prayer. The note requested the congregation to pray for Mr. Hill that he might be more like Christ who rode an ass and not in a carriage, like the preacher. Mr. Hill read the note and then said, "If the writer of this note will meet me in the vestibule, after service, with a saddle and bridle, I will ride him home."

Since Adam courted Eve their children have been good imitators. Since my last I united in marriage Tom Ankeny and May Miller, this young couple are now living in Chester, also John Brown and Nellie Berkeley who are visiting near Waterloo. We wish them all the happiness they seek and success in all the walks of life. I recently buried Sister Bauman, of whom more will be said later. The Carleton church is doing good work and progressing. We expect to have Brother Ditch hold us a few meetings later on.

Brother W. J. H. Bauman, who strikes the trans-Missouri fishes, is with us. He preached for me a good sermon and will do so again. Brother Bauman has a white head but a young heart and is as good for service as ever.

A good sister, who would not like it if I named her, wrote the following lines. They were written after some act that was not appreciated by the writer. It is one of the sweetest rebukes I ever read.

A little plant I watched with care
Thru daily toil and sleepless nights,
I gave it water, gave it air,
And yet it seemed that it would blight.
Success at last has crowned my toil,
My plant has bloomed with petals bright,
No finer plant beds the soil
Nor sheds its fragrance to the light.
And tho I love this plant so dear
And could not bear with it to part,
There lurks a thorn the flower near
And shyly pricks me near the heart.
The wound it makes it soon heals over,
I hurl all back into the past
And close behind the open door,
And turn the lock and shut it fast.

J. D. McFADEN.

Matrimonial

RESH-HOOK.—At the Brethren parsonage, Meyersdale, Pa., Dec. 6, 1900 by the undersigned, Mr. Daniel Resh and Miss Annie Hook, both of Shaw Mines.

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

Close of the Fall Term of Ashland College

The fall term of Ashland college ended December 21. Only two students are in the dormitory tonight. Many have gone to their homes and others are visiting friends in and around Ashland. The strange thing is how quickly and quietly they disappeared. It may be truthfully said of them, that as soon as the examinations were ended,—

"They folded their 'grips' like the Arab,
And as silently crept away."

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